IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (Attorney Docket No. 08-349-WO-US)

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| In re Application of: Holtet et al. |) |
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| Serial No.: 10/533,290 |) Before the Examiner: P. M. Mertz |
| Filed: February 7, 2006 |) Group Art Unit: 1646 |
| For: Trimeric Binding Proteins for |) Confirmation No.: 6045 |
| Trimeric Cytokines |) |

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Sir:

PETITION FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants request a Two-Month Extension of Time to respond to the Official Action mailed July 24, 2009. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the amount of \$245.00 for an Extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2), as well as any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Respectfully submitted,
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